## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cyclic peptide having the formula:

wherein B is a bridge moiety selected from:

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

viii) O O O O O 
$$|I| = |I| =$$

2. A compound according to Claim 1 having the following stereochemical formula:

## 3. A cyclic peptide having the formula:

wherein B is a bridge moiety selected from:

ii)

O

$$NH$$
 $C$ 
 $NH$ 
 $C$ 
 $NO_2$ 

O

 $II$ 
 $C$ 
 $CH_2-NH$ 
 $II$ 
 $NO_2$ 

iv)
$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
II \\
C
\end{array}$$

$$NH-(CH_2)_4-NH-C-CH_2-NH-$$

$$NH_2$$

ix) 
$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ C \\ C \\ C \\ NO_2 \end{array}$$
 RH—  $(CH_2)_6 - N - C - CH_2 - NH$  ; and

4. A compound according to Claim 2 having the following stereochemical formula:

- 5. A composition comprising:
  - A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:

wherein B is a bridge moiety selected from:

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

v)

ix) 
$$\begin{array}{c} O & O & O \\ II & II \\ -C - (CH_2)_6 - NH - C - (CH_2)_6 - NH - C - CH_2 - NH - \\ - & & \end{array} \right. ; and$$

- B) one or more excipients.
- 6. A composition according to Claim 5 wherein said cyclic peptides have the following stereochemical formula:

## 7. A composition comprising:

A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:

wherein B is a bridge moiety selected from:

viii)

ix) 
$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ O \\ II \\ C \\ \hline \\ NO_2 \end{array}$$
 
$$\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \ O \\ I \ II \\ II \\ C \\ \hline \\ NO_2 \end{array}$$
 ; or

- B) one or more excipients.
- 8. A composition according to Claim 7 wherein said cyclic peptides have the following stereochemical formula:

- 9. A method for treating obesity, said method comprising the step of contacting a human or higher mammal with a composition comprising:
  - A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:

wherein B is a bridge moiety selected from:

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

v)

- B) one or more excipients.
- 10. A method for treating obesity, said method comprising the step of contacting a human or higher mammal with a composition comprising:
  - A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:

wherein B is a bridge moiety selected from:

i)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & O \\
II & O \\
II & II \\
C & O \\
II & C \\
NO_2 & NH - C - CH_2 - NH - C
\end{array}$$

ii)

iii)

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ II \\ C \\ \hline \\ NO_2 \\ \end{array}$$
 NH— (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>- NH— C— CH<sub>2</sub>- NH—

iv)

v)

ix) 
$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ C \\ C \\ C \\ NH-(CH_2)_6-N-C-CH_2-NH-\\ NO_2 \end{array} \hspace{0.5cm} ; or$$

B) one or more excipients.